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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for January 28 - February 8, 2002

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **World-Wide Threat Hearing:** The CIA, State, DoD, and FBI are expected to participate in a February 6 hearing before the Senate Intelligence Committee on world-wide threats facing the United States; FBI Executive Assistant Director Dale Watson will likely testify. A follow-up closed briefing is scheduled to take place later that afternoon. (Walter)

- **Prosecutorial Deliberations:** The House Government Reform Committee has invited me to testify at its rescheduled hearing on February 6, regarding the history of congressional access to deliberative Justice Department documents, which arises from the Committee's probe into the FBI's handling of informants in Boston.

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The Committee has also noticed three additional February hearings relating to the FBI Boston matter. (F. Burton)

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- **Nominations:** The second hearing on the nomination of Charles Pickering, Sr., to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, has been tentatively scheduled for February 7.
- **The Cyber Security Act of 2001 (H.R. 3482):** On February 12, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime has asked the Department to testify on Title I of this bill, which provides direction to the Sentencing Commission, criminalizes internet advertising of illegal devices, specifies penalties for computer infrastructure crimes and authorizes the National Infrastructure Protection Center. The Department is developing a views letter which expresses our strong objections to Title I. (Bernhardt/ Daley)

THIS WEEK

- **Information Sharing:** Department representatives from the Criminal Division and the

Executive Office for United States Attorneys joined the CIA on January 22 in briefing Senate Intelligence Committee staff about joint activities to coordinate sharing of intelligence, grand jury, and wiretap information under the provisions of the PATRIOT Act and on the status of plans for training federal, state and local officials in the use of intelligence information pursuant to Section 908 of the Act. A similar briefing for House Intelligence Committee staff is scheduled for January 29. A briefing for House Intelligence Committee staff on the sharing of information on computer databases between FBI and the intelligence community by representatives from FBI took place on January 23. (Walter)

#### LAST WEEK

Nominations: The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on January 24 on the following judicial nominations: Michael J. Melloy, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; James E. Gritzner, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa; Robert Blackburn, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; Cindy K. Jorgenson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; Richard J. Leon, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and Jay C. Zainey, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The following nominations were confirmed by the Senate by roll call vote on January 25: Marcia S. Krieger, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Colorado and James C. Mahan, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. Additionally, the following nominations were confirmed by unanimous consent the same day: Mauricio Tamargo, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; David P. York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama; Michael Battle, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York; and Dwight MacKay, to be United States Marshal for Montana. (Scott-Finan)

Guantanamo Detainee Interviews: A representative from FBI joined CIA and DoD in briefing House Intelligence Committee staff on January 17 on procedures being used in debriefing detainees before and after transporting them to Guantanamo. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Goss and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Graham visited Guantanamo on Friday, January 25. (Walter)